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SUBJ: CANEPA WILL TAKE OVER PRESIDENT PERTINI'S PARLIAMENTARY SEAT

1. ANTONIO CANEPA, 38, RECENTLY ELECTED SOCIALIST (PSI) REGIONAL SECRETARY IN LIGURIA WILL INHERIT THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES SEAT LEFT VACANT BY THE ELEVATION OF SANDRO PERTINI TO THE PRESIDENCY. CANEPA WHO IS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GENOA IS NOT NEW TO PARLIAMENT. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CHAMBER IN 1972. HE BARELY FAILED TO BE RECONFIRMED IN THE 1976 ELECTION WHEN HIS PARTY LOST ONE OF HIS THREE SEATS IN LIGURIA. HE NOW RETURNS TO PARLIAMENT ON THE STRENGTH OF HIS HAVING RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PREFERENTIAL VOTES AMONG THE NON-ELECTED SOCIALIST CANDIDATES IN LIGURIA.

2. CANEPA IS SINGLE, HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE PAST WITH THE DE MARTINO FACTION OF HIS PARTY. MORE RECENTLY, HE
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TACKED TO THE PARTY'S NEW 'AUTONOMIST' BREEZE AND WAS ELECTED TO THE REGIONAL POST AS A CRAXI HELMSMAN.

3. CANEPA'S RETURN TO PARLIAMENT WILL RESULT IN A SHAKEUP IN THE LOCAL SOCIALIST LEADERSHIP IF CANEPA HAS TO VACATE THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT POSITION. LEADING PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE REGIONAL JOB ARE FABRIZIO MORO, PSI PROVINCIAL SECRETARY# DELIO

MEOLI, PSI REGIONAL ELDERMAN# AND RINALDO MAGNANI, PSI PRESIDENT OF GENOA'S PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION. MORO, WHO IS CONSIDERED THE MOST LOGICAL SUCCESSOR TO CANEPA, IS SAID TO BE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT THE POST. ON THE OTHER END, MEOLI, AN OUTSTANDING AND AMBITIOUS YOUNG LEADER, IS BELIEVED TO BE INTERESTED AND SO IS REPORTEDLY MAGNANI.DI SCIULLO

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